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EYE OPENERS

Thoughts Not to Have: ‘That Chimney Looks Inviting!’

A 9-year-old New Canaan, Conn., girl who tried to crawl into her home through the chimney escaped unharmed after getting stuck. The girl climbed up a house painter’s ladder Wednesday, crossed the roof and entered the chimney. She almost made it before becoming caught in the flue. While rescue workers tried to take apart the flue, she wriggled out. (AP)

Ikea Flat-Packed Sofa, You Are Nothing to Us Now

European retailer Tesco (comparable to SuperTargets in the U.S.) is now offering flat-packed log cabins for home assembly. The Finnlife structure costs about \$15,000 and contains five bedrooms plus an upstairs storage area, Britain’s Daily Mail reported. There is a delivery charge of about \$7.50. (EXPRESS)

Senior Citizen + Weird Weapon = Comedy Gold



An 81-year-old man was arrested after he chased another man around a Salem, Ore., taco stand while armed with a machete. Police said Monday the man accused the taco stand owner of stealing a drill. When the taco stand owner denied it, the suspect left and returned with a machete. He chased the taco stand owner around the stand several times before officers arrested him for menacing and attempted assault. (AP)

The Big Picture



RIO DE JANEIRO’S Christ the Redeemer statue is back in plain sight after a four-month renovation. Scaffolding had encircled the mountaintop monument as workers repaired its eroded face and hands. The \$4 million in renovations to the 125-foot-tall Jesus were funded through public and private donations. (AP)

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Al-Qaeda Operative Implicated In N.Y.C. Plot

New York

Counterterrorism officials have linked one of the nation's most wanted terrorists to last year's thwarted plot to bomb the New York subway system.



Shukrijumah

Authorities believe that Anwar al-Awlaki met with one of the would-be suicide bombers in a plot that Attorney General Eric Holder called one of the most dangerous since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Officials say Shukrijumah is among the top candidates to be al-Qaeda's next head of external operations, the position in charge of planning attacks worldwide.

Federal prosecutors have named Shukrijumah in a draft indictment but were still discussing whether to pursue it. Some feared the extra attention would hinder efforts to capture him.

Current and former officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case. (AP)

Hurricane Disrupts Gulf Cleanup

Rough seas force crews to temporarily halt leak operations

Grand Isle, La.

Rough seas generated by Hurricane Alex pushed more oil from the massive spill onto Gulf Coast beaches Wednesday as cleanup vessels were sidelined by the faraway storm's ripple effects.

The hurricane was churning coastal waters across the oil-affected region on the Gulf of Mexico. Six-foot waves and 25 mph winds were forecast through Thursday just offshore from the Mississippi Delta in Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle.

In Louisiana, the storm pushed an oil patch toward Grand Isle and uninhabited Elmer's Island, dumping tar balls as big as apples on the



DAVE MARTIN/AP

Heavy waves filled with oil wash ashore on Wednesday in Orange Beach, Ala.

beach. Cleanup workers were kept at bay by pouring rain and lightning that zigzagged across the dark sky. Boom lining the beach had been tossed about, and it couldn't be put back in place until the weather cleared.

"The sad thing is that it's been about three weeks since we had

any big oil come in here," marine science technician Michael Malone said. "With this weather, we lost all the progress we made."

The loss of dozens of skimmers, combined with gusts driving water into the coast, left beaches especially vulnerable.

Large waves churned up by



Out of Harm's Way

An effort to save thousands of sea turtle hatchlings from dying in the oily Gulf of Mexico will begin in the coming weeks in a desperate attempt to keep an entire generation of threatened species from vanishing. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will coordinate the plan, which calls for collecting about 70,000 turtle eggs buried in the sand in Florida and Alabama. (AP)

Hurricane Alex left Alabama beaches splattered with oil and tar balls Wednesday, even with Alex more than 500 miles away. (AP)

Obama Tries to Paint His Republican Opposition as Out of Touch

Racine, Wis.

President Obama on Wednesday lashed out at Republicans as out of touch with the daily problems of Americans, hoping to sharpen the contrast with the opposition party as midterm elections loom and economic anxiety mounts.

Speaking to a town hall in his latest getaway from Washington, Obama revealed in what the Democratic Party sees as two recent political gaffes by Republicans — one House lawmaker's apology to BP oil and another's characterization of the nation's financial collapse as an "ant."



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

More broadly, Obama said of Republicans: "Their prescription for every challenge is pretty much the same — and I don't think I'm exaggerating here: Basically, cut taxes for the wealthy, cut rules for corporations and cut working folks loose to fend for themselves." (AP)

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Nation

Ex-Spy Granted Asylum

Man passed secrets of Hamas to Israel after faith conversion

San Diego

An immigration judge tentatively granted asylum Wednesday to the son of a Hamas founder who turned his back on his father's terrorist group and became a spy for Israel.

The ruling came after the federal government abruptly dropped concerns that Mosab Hassan Yousef was a terrorist threat.

Yousef, 32, was greeted by a small group of cheering supporters as he left an immigration detention center where the 15-minute hearing was held under heavy security.

He had argued that he would be killed if he was deported because he spied on Hamas for Israel's Shin Bet intelligence agency and abandoned Islam after becoming a Christian.

"I will keep fighting the ideology that is behind terrorists because I know how they think," he said. "I



Mosab Hassan Yousef spied on Hamas for Israel's Shin Bet intelligence agency.

know that this is the real danger that is facing liberty, facing freedom, facing humanity."

The Department of Homeland Security initially denied Yousef's asylum request in February 2009, saying he had been involved in terrorism and was a threat to the U.S. Kerri Calcador, a government attorney, gave no explanation in court Wednesday for the sudden change in the United States' position.

Yousef said he could not explain the turnaround. His attorney Ste-

ven Seick said he was "totally surprised."

Former CIA director James Woolsey said deporting Yousef would discourage other potential spies.

"It is not an exaggeration to say that such an action would set us back years in the war on terrorism," Woolsey wrote in a letter released by Seick. "Mosab's deportation would be such an inhumane act it would constitute a blight on American history." **ELLIOT SPAGAT (AP)**

Report: Gates Incident Could Have Been Avoided

Cambridge, Mass.

A Harvard scholar and the police sergeant who arrested him last July after a confrontation outside his home both missed opportunities to "ratchet down" the situation, according to a review of the case released Wednesday.

The independent review said "misunderstandings and failed communications," and a "certain degree of fear" led to the dispute that ended with the renowned black scholar



Gates



Crowley

being placed in handcuffs.

Sgt. James Crowley arrested Henry Louis Gates Jr. for disorderly conduct at his Cambridge home on July 16 while investigat-

ing a possible burglary.

The situation at Gates' home quickly escalated when it shouldn't have, according to the review. The report suggests that Crowley could have more clearly explained what he was doing and why, especially after being shown Gates' license and university ID. For his part, Gates could have used a more respectful tone to address the officer.

Neither man, in interviews with the panel, said he would have acted differently. **(AP)**



OUTFITS

Wonder Woman has a bold new look, one of the most dramatic changes in the character's 70-year history. Criticized for years for fighting crime in, effectively, a one-piece swimsuit — often considered either sexist or simply impractical — the DC Comics icon has a new costume, and it's one considerably less revealing, complete with long pants and a jacket. Signature elements such as the character's bracelets, tiara and magic lasso remain. **(CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)**

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Alleged Russian Spy Vanishes

Cyprus police hunt for suspect after he was released on bail

Larnaca, Cyprus

Cypriot police began searching late Wednesday for an alleged Russian spy wanted in the United States who vanished after being released on bail a day earlier in the Mediterranean island nation.

Police spokesman Michalis Katsounotos said Christopher Robert Metsos, 54, who says he is Cana-

dian, failed to report to police in the southern coastal town of Larnaca between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. local time (11 a.m. EDT) Wednesday according to the terms of release imposed on him Tuesday by a Cypriot court.

Katsounotos said a search failed to locate Metsos and authorities have begun the procedures to issue a warrant for his arrest for breaching the terms of his release.

Andreas Pastellides, one of two lawyers representing Metsos in Cyprus, told the Associated Press that they'd had no con-

tact with their client since Tuesday afternoon.

Pastellides said Metsos did not show up for a meeting he was supposed to have Wednesday afternoon in Larnaca with Pastellides' partner, Michalis Papathanasiou.

Metsos' quick disappearance raised questions about why Cypriot authorities released him on bail.

"I'm truly surprised that the court issued no such detention order against an individual who is alleged to be a spy," said Ionas Nicolaou, a member of parliament for the opposition Disy party and

chairman of parliament's Legal Affairs Committee. "By virtue of the fact that this individual was suspected of being a spy, I don't think his conditional release was justified. Of course, I can't know exactly what facts or arguments were presented before the court for that decision to be taken."

Dean Boyd, spokesman for the U.S. Justice Department's national security division, said he was aware of the media reports regarding Metsos but is "going to have to defer to Cyprus authorities for comment."

MENELAOS HADJICOSTIS (AP)



Christian Wulff won Wednesday's vote.

Merkel's Pick Wins German Presidency

Berlin

Chancellor Angela Merkel's candidate was elected German president Wednesday in a lackluster victory that took an embarrassing three rounds of voting and dashed hopes of a strong show of support from her governing coalition.

Christian Wulff, a 51-year-old deputy leader of Merkel's conservative party, won 625 votes in a special parliamentary assembly compared to 494 for opposition candidate Joachim Gauck; 121 delegates abstained — mostly from the Left Party, which had withdrawn its own candidate in the final round. (AP)



U.S. and Afghan soldiers walk toward rising smoke from the attack on a major base in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, on Wednesday.

Allies Repel Afghan Base Attack

Kabul, Afghanistan

U.S. and Afghan troops repelled an attack Wednesday on one of the biggest NATO bases in eastern Afghanistan by militants who used a suicide car bomb, rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons in a failed attempt to breach the defenses.

It was the third ground assault against a major coalition base in Afghanistan in the past five weeks — a sign that the insurgents have

not been cowed by U.S. efforts to ramp up the war.

Eight militants were killed in the attack, which occurred at the airport base on the outskirts of Jalalabad about 75 miles east of Kabul on the main road between the Afghan capital and the Pakistan border.

The attack began with a suicide car bomber detonating his explosives near the gate to the base, followed by a half-hour gunbattle, Afghan officials said. An Afghan soldier and one international service member

were wounded, NATO said.

Chief NATO spokesman Brig. Gen. Josef Blotz said the attackers were unable to penetrate the defenses. "While designed to garner media attention, this attack only temporarily disrupted operations as our forces successfully repelled the attack," said Navy Capt. Jane Campbell, a U.S. spokeswoman.

In a text message, Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said six suicide attackers killed 32 foreign and Afghan security forces. (AP)

In Brief



Pope Benedict XVI named a new position to fight secularism in the West.

VATICAN CITY

Pope Benedict XVI Takes On Vatican Bureaucracy

Preoccupied for months by the clerical sex abuse scandal, the pope on Wednesday shuffled the Vatican bureaucracy before heading off on vacation. His most significant appointment: the head of a new office designed to fight secularism in the West. Pope Benedict XVI tapped a trusted Italian, Monsignor Rino Fisichella, to head the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization. (AP)

MEXICO CITY

Powerful Temblor Kills One, Rattles Mexico

A strong earthquake rattled southern Mexico early Wednesday, killing at least one man, who was crushed beneath a rafter that fell from his roof. The magnitude-6.2 quake was felt as far north as Mexico City, where people fled homes and hotels in their pajamas. City officials reported no injuries or significant damage. (AP)

JOHANNESBURG

Power Union Threatens Strike in South Africa

The main union at South Africa's monopoly power supplier said Wednesday it's ready to strike after rejecting the company's wage offer, a decision that could disrupt the World Cup. The announcement of a strike by the National Union of Mineworkers, which says it represents 20,000 of the 30,000 Eskom workers, comes as the World Cup enters its quarterfinals. The NUM said the strike will start next week, but it did not say which day. (AP)

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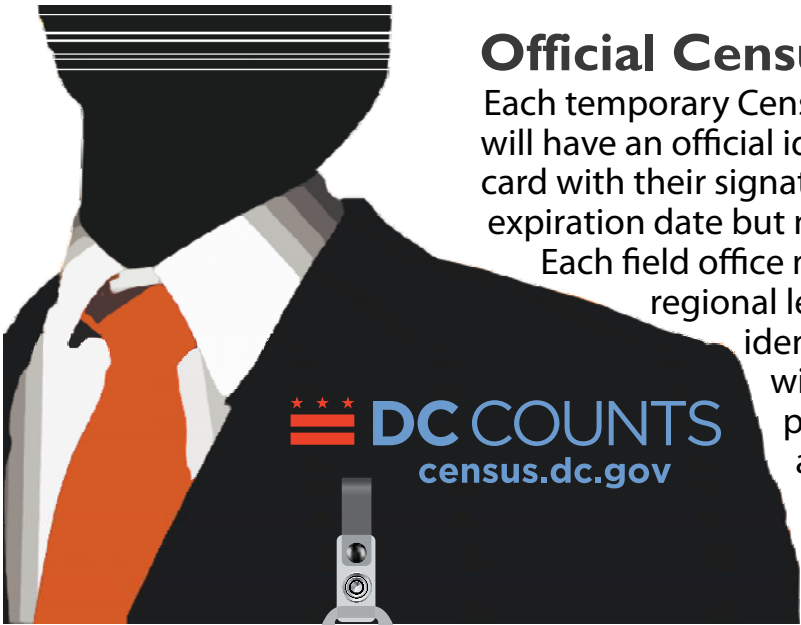
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World



New Philippines President Benigno Aquino III swears in local officials Wednesday.

Aquino Becomes Filipino Leader

Son of democracy icons pledges to end corruption, poverty

Manila, Philippines

Benigno Aquino III, sworn in Wednesday as the Philippines' 15th president, promised to prosecute the corrupt and banish poverty as he urged Filipinos to help him in a job he likened to a biblical burden.

The son of two Filipino democracy icons, Aquino, 50, succeeds Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, whose stormy nine-year rule was rocked by four failed coup attempts and allegations of corruption, vote-rigging and human rights abuses, which she denied.

About 500,000 attended Aquino's oath-taking at a seaside park in the capital, Manila, police said. Aquino aimed his speech at the many Filipinos exasperated at the Southeast Asian country's enduring

Backstory

Benigno Aquino III's parents were revered for their opposition to the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, who was ousted by a 1986 "people power" revolt—a defining moment in the Philippines' political history. Marcos, who had ruled for two decades, was succeeded by Aquino's popular mother, Corazon Aquino. She died last year, prompting a mass outpouring of sympathy that turned into a groundswell of support for her son. (AP)

problems, which include decades-long Islamic and communist insurgencies.

"This day marks the end of a leadership that has long been insensitive to the suffering of the people ... and this is the beginning of my own Calvary," Aquino said, referring to Christ's Crucifixion. "But if many of us bear the cross, we will lift it, no matter how heavy."

TERESA CEROJANO (AP)



DISCOVERIES

Scientists have discovered an ancient

whale whose bite ripped huge chunks of flesh out of other whales about 12 million years ago. The prehistoric sperm whale grew to up to 60 feet long, similar to today's standards. More unusual, Leviathan melvillei, named for "Moby Dick" author Herman Melville, sported vicious, tusk-like teeth about 14 inches long. (AP)

On Her Way

After sailing through three days of hearings, Elena Kagan is poised to become the next Supreme Court justice



MELINA MARA/THE WASHINGTON POST

Washington

Cruising toward confirmation, Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan completed grueling Senate questioning Wednesday, unscathed by Republican challenges on abortion, gays in the military and gun rights while sidestepping partisan debate about GOP-named judges pulling the court to the right.

Kagan emerged from three days of vetting by the Senate Judiciary Committee much as she had begun, declaring she'd be an independent and impartial judge, and denying Republican suggestions that she would be unable to separate her political leanings from her job as a justice.

Democrats said President Obama's nominee to succeed retiring Justice John Paul Stevens was on track to become the fourth woman in Supreme Court history.

"Solicitor General Kagan will be confirmed," declared Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the panel chairman.

Republicans, despairing of their inability to get Kagan to reveal her



ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES

"I assume she will be confirmed. The arithmetic is not there [to block her]. There would have to be some dramatic development to change that."

— SEN. JOHN CORNYN, R-TEXAS, LEFT, ADMITTING ON WEDNESDAY THAT THE GOP IS NOT LIKELY TO STAND IN THE WAY OF ELENA KAGAN'S CONFIRMATION TO THE SUPREME COURT.

legal views or say anything that might threaten her confirmation during more than 15 hours of questioning, acknowledged as much.

"I assume she will be," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

Kagan, prompted by Democratic supporters on the panel, gave a blunt denunciation of "results-oriented judging," deciding cases based on preconceived conclusions, but she refused to join them in applying the criticism to the current court under conservative Chief Justice John Roberts. "I'm sure

that everybody up there is acting in good faith," she said.

Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the top Republican on the panel, said the combination of some of Kagan's careful answers and her record "leaves me uneasy" about her confirmation.

Kagan, more expansive and animated during her third and final day in the witness chair, relaxed enough to banter with senators about the sometimes-tedious proceedings, and her expectations of being confirmed.

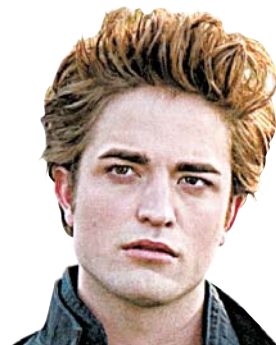
"I can't come back?" she asked Leahy facetiously when he suggested that she should watch testimony by outside witnesses scheduled for Thursday afternoon "with your feet up" somewhere.

For the second day in a row, Kagan asserted she would be able to separate her personal and political views from her job as a justice.

"As a judge, you are on nobody's team. As a judge, you are an independent actor," Kagan said.

Democratic Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania thwarted several times in his attempts to get Kagan to say whether she would recommend that the Supreme Court hear specific cases, or weigh in on standards for deciding a case, said he was giving up — and wondered aloud whether there was any way short of opposing her confirmation to get a straight answer.

"It would be my hope that we could find someplace between voting no and having some sort of substantive answers," Specter said, "but I don't know that it would be useful to pursue these questions any further." JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS (AP)



'Twilight' Dodge

Team Edward or Team Jacob?

That's one debate Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan won't weigh in on. At her Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday, Kagan was asked by Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., about the "Twilight Saga: Eclipse" movie, which opened this week. The franchise has a huge following among teenage girls and has sparked debate over whether the tormented heroine Bella should choose Edward the vampire or Jacob the werewolf. The senator jokingly asked Kagan's thoughts on "the vampire versus the werewolf." Kagan said she hadn't seen the film and wished the senator wouldn't pose the question. (AP)

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Rhee: Fenty Focused on Schools

D.C. chancellor stops short of saying she won't work for Gray

Washington

Schools Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee edged closer than ever Wednesday to saying explicitly that she's out of here if Mayor Adrian M. Fenty loses his Sept. 14 primary contest against D.C. Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray. She told WAMU's Kavitha Cardoza that she has not seen in Gray the same commitment to education reform that Fenty has demonstrated.

Rhee has been reluctant to talk

about her future in the city under a new mayor.

And Gray, for his part, says he would not decide whether to retain Rhee until he was elected. But Cardoza pressed Rhee, reminding her of past statements about the importance of parents being able to make informed decisions.

"A lot of parents want to make their decision based on you," Cardoza said.

Rhee responded: "What I can tell you very clearly is I came to this city to take on this job specifically because I believed there was a really unique opportunity with this mayor and how focused he was on education. And he has not dis-



Rhee, left, told WAMU Fenty is more committed to education reform than Gray is.

appointed me one time in the last three years. I would not work under a mayor who was not focused on education in the same way and as dedicated to making some of the really difficult decisions."

When asked whether Gray has shown the same level of commitment, Rhee said: "I think the chairman is certainly interested in education reform. I think that he is committed to this city and its progress, certainly. But in terms of what I'm talking about with Mayor Fenty and his willingness to make some very difficult decisions ... no, I haven't seen the same thing from the chairman."

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Groundskeepers walk among the headstones at Arlington National Cemetery, which will undergo changes due to an Army probe.

Full Arlington Survey Requested

Arlington

The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee on Wednesday said he believes a complete survey of graves at Arlington National Cemetery should be conducted to check for more burial mistakes.

Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., said the Army's recent investigation into mistakes at the nation's most hallowed burial ground was so "limited" that it probably has revealed "only a fraction of the problem."

"We must be prepared that a 100 percent survey of the cemetery and all its operations, which I believe must now be undertaken, will yield a larger number of problems that must be addressed," Skelton said.

An investigation by the Army inspector general unveiled in June found a wide array of longstanding problems at the cemetery.

Among other problems, the Army found 211 discrepancies between burial maps and grave

sites, and cases in which funeral urns were dug up and dumped in an excess dirt pile.

In addition, the investigation found a dysfunctional management system and a poisonous relationship between cemetery Superintendent John C. Metzler Jr. and the deputy superintendent, Thurman Higginbotham.

"I cannot understand how the Army has allowed the problem to fester for years," Skelton said. MICHAEL E. RUANE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Continent Is on Top of the World

With four teams still alive, South America revels in World Cup

Soccer

Across South America, soccer fans are feeling the joy of victory — spiked with a twist of revenge.

The continent's teams have dominated at World Cup 2010.

Of its five nations in the field of 32 on opening day, four are still alive headed to the quarterfinals: Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. Just Chile — the only South American team to lose in the tournament — has been eliminated. And the Chileans fell in the second round to Brazil.

After watching her nation's best players develop at home and then leave for big contracts in European leagues, the past couple of weeks have been sweet for Brazilian fan Rosangela Pereira.

"We know our players go abroad for the money — but we miss them!" Pereira said. "When it's time for the cup, our hearts burst and the crowds vibrate, seeing our boys come home, playing for their flag."

The continent's fans have had a lot to cheer about. Going into the quarterfinals, South American



Brazil striker Robinho takes a shot against Chile on Monday. Chile is the only South American team to lose at the World Cup.



"You could see their behavior at halftime of the game against Mexico. When you look at their body language and gesticulations, the way they try to influence the referees, they have no respect."

— GERMANY MIDFIELDER BASTIAN SCHWEINSTEIGER, SLAMMING ARGENTINA BEFORE SATURDAY'S MATCH.

SOUTH AMERICA'S SECRET FORMULA?

TOUGH COMPETITION

Some have speculated that their tough qualifying road helps once they get to the World Cup. Unlike in Europe, where Spain could get a group that includes, for example, Faeroe Islands and Moldova, there's one big group in South America and few "easy" teams. Only two points separated Uruguay — which earned its spot by beating CONCACAF member Costa Rica in a play-off — and the next three teams.

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS

While top players do go to Europe — where the big money is — there are good domestic leagues in South America where players can develop, making for deep national rosters. In Brazil, for example, there was a campaign to get teenage phenomenon Neymar — who plays for the Brazilian club Santos — on the national team, though coach Dunga wound up leaving him home.

IT'S IN THEIR BLOOD

Twenty-two-year-old Eduardo Brasil knows the real secret to his nation's many victories. "It's in our veins; we are born knowing how to play. Look at those boys over there," he said, motioning to a group of three young kids kicking a ball around on Copacabana beach during Paraguay's match. "Europe comes and robs kids as young as 14. But they always come back for the cup." (AP)

teams have 10 wins, four draws and two losses (Chile also lost to Spain in group play).

Europe, on the other hand, had only six of its 13 teams advance to the second round and will have only three teams in the quarters.

To top it off, there is a chance the semifinals will feature only teams from South America, a fact Brazil's president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, noted during a press conference with the leader of the last nation to win the tournament, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

Over in Buenos Aires, the joy that coach Maradona and his star-studded team are bringing to Argentina with their gorgeous play is generating enormous pride.

"You have to be happy. The poorest countries are dominating the world," said 70-year-old taxi driver Desiderio Villalba. "Those who invented the game are already out. It is very comical." (AP)

In Brief



Doc Rivers has led the Celtics to two NBA finals in the past three seasons.

PRO BASKETBALL

Rivers Returns to Celtics

Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers will return for another season, staying with the team he led to the NBA finals twice in three years for a run at another championship. "Doc is a fantastic coach and leader, and I am thrilled he is coming back for the upcoming season," Celtics owner Steve Pagliuca said Wednesday in an e-mail to The Associated Press. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Cunningham's Son, 2, Dies in Hot Tub Accident

The 2-year-old son of former NFL star quarterback Randall Cunningham has died in what authorities on Wednesday called an apparent backyard hot tub accident. The Clark County coroner's office identified the child as Christian Cunningham and said the cause of death was pending. (AP)

PRO HOCKEY

Brind'Amour Calls It Quits

Rod Brind'Amour is retiring after 21 NHL seasons to take an unspecified job with the Carolina Hurricanes. The team's former captain said Wednesday that his decision was made simpler after he talked with general manager Jim Rutherford and they decided the aging veteran wouldn't fit with the Hurricanes' rebuilding plan. (AP)

SOCCER

Nigeria Suspends Team

The president of Nigeria has suspended the national soccer team from international competition for two years after its poor showing at the World Cup. The announcement also follows corruption allegations surrounding the team. (AP)

NOISE

If fans are thinking about bringing the spirit of the World Cup to the Ultimate Fighting Championship in the form of a vuvuzela, forget about it. UFC President Dana White said Wednesday that the beehive-sounding noisemakers are being banned from heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar's fight against Shane Carwin in Las Vegas. "We'll make enough noise this weekend when Brock and Shane finally step inside the Octagon," White said. (AP)

Czech Mate for Ailing Federer

Six-time champion cites bad back, leg in upset at Wimbledon

Tennis

For the first time in eight years, Roger Federer won't be striding onto Centre Court for the Wimbledon final this weekend.

The six-time champion was upset in the quarterfinals by hard-hitting Tomas Berdych on Wednesday, stopping his bid for a record-tying seventh title at the All England Club and extending his recent stretch of disappointing play.

The 12th-seeded Berdych used his big serve and forehand to beat Federer 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, on Centre Court for the biggest victory of the Czech's career.

It's the first time since 2002 that Federer has failed to reach the final. Since losing in the first round eight years ago, Federer had played in the championship match a record seven-consecutive times. He won the title six times and finished runner-up once, bolstering his reputation as the greatest player of all time.



Top seed Roger Federer hangs his head after losing to Tomas Berdych Wednesday.

Winner of a record 16 Grand Slam titles, Federer said he was unable to play his best tennis Wednesday because of pain in his back and right leg.

"I couldn't play the way I wanted to play," said Federer, who had been chasing the record of seven titles won by Pete Sampras and 19th-century player William Renshaw. "It's frustrating, to say the least."

Berdych said he didn't notice

anything wrong with Federer. "I don't know if he is just looking for some excuses after the match or something like that," he said. "I think he was 100 percent ready."

Berdych will next face Novak Djokovic, who swept past Yen-hsun Lu in straight sets to reach the semifinals for the second time. The third-seeded Djokovic never faced a break point as he beat the 82nd-ranked Taiwanese player 6-3, 6-2,

TOM LOVELOCK/AP



Meanwhile ...

The bid by Venus and Serena Williams for a fifth-consecutive Grand Slam title in doubles ended Wednesday with a loss in the Wimbledon quarterfinals. The sisters were beaten 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 by Russians Elena Vesnina and Vera Zvonareva. The Williamses climbed to No. 1 in doubles for the first time after winning the French Open. They were bidding for their 13th major title. (AP)

6-2 in less than two hours.

Second-seeded Rafael Nadal, who beat Federer in the 2008 final, lost the first five games of the match but rallied to defeat No. 6 Robin Soderling 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-1. It was a rematch of this year's French Open final, which the Spaniard also won. STEPHEN WILSON (AP)

Mystics Hit The Road On a Roll

The Mystics

When Crystal Langhorne earned player of the week honors on Monday, she barely had time to celebrate. There was a game to win Tuesday night, which is just what the Mystics did to stay in the hunt for the Eastern Conference title.

"It's great I got player of the week, but it's back to business," Langhorne said after the Mystics beat the Indiana Fever 68-65 Tuesday.

The Mystics climbed up in the standings above the Fever, which knocked Washington out of last year's playoffs, and into a tie with the Connecticut Sun for second place in the ultra-competitive Eastern conference. The Mystics trail the Atlanta Dream by 1.5 games.

But Langhorne and the Mystics can't rest after winning their sixth game in seven contests. On Thursday, they visit the Phoenix Mercury for the first of two games before the All-Star break.

While Langhorne is known for putting aside individual aspirations, her coach is pulling for her as the team's success continues. "I want her to get player of the month of July," coach Julie Plank said. JOE BUBAR

OFFERS



LeBron James has plenty of opportunities in front of him as the NBA's top free agent. How about playing baseball? The Oklahoma City RedHawks on Wednesday offered the NBA MVP the chance to play for the minor-league club. The RedHawks aren't offering millions of dollars but will give him a rental home with free lawn care, a "LeBratwurst" named after him and four tickets to the "All You Can Eat" section at the ballpark. (AP)

Armstrong Faces Uphill Battle

Cycling

Lance Armstrong is giving the Tour de France one last go, and two-time winner Alberto Contador is again the man standing between the Texan and an eighth title in cycling's showcase event. And this time they aren't on the same team.

With their rivalry in the open, the action on the road has a chance to chase away the perennial doping cloud that lingers over the three-week race.

The nearly 200 competitors in the 97th Tour will start Saturday in the Dutch port city of Rotterdam on a 2,263-mile trek that will take them across Belgium and clockwise around France before finishing up



Lance Armstrong and Alberto Contador are the favorites in this year's Tour.

CHRISTOPHE ENZ/AP

in Paris on July 25.

Aside from the short prologue Saturday, organizers have scheduled only one individual time trial, on the next-to-last race day. The course layout offers a bouncy and bracing run over cobblestones, and treks through the Pyrenees that will be crucial to the outcome.

Contador looks nearly invincible. He won the Paris-Nice, the Tour of Algarve and the Vuelta de Castilla and Leon, and placed second in the Criterium du Dauphine.

Taking a page out of Armstrong's old playbook, Contador has limited his racing days this year to focus on peaking for the Tour.

Armstrong, who turns 39 in September, knows he faces a stiff test. "It will be very hard to win the Tour," he said this month at the Tour of Switzerland. "With my age, and the explosiveness of the other guys, my own struggles with the time trials in the last couple of years ... we'll have to be smart, to be a bit lucky, to play the team card a little bit." JAMEY KEATEN (AP)

TV Lineup

NATIONALS (7 P.M., MASN) The Nats return home, hoping for better fortune in July when hosting the Mets.
TENNIS (7 A.M., ESPN2; NOON, NBC) Can Serena Williams advance to the Wimbledon finals?
SOCCER (7 P.M., ESPN2) Fill your World Cup void with an MLS match between Houston and Toronto.
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on the spot

A NATIVE OF Tijuana who now lives near and teaches in Chicago, Luis Alberto Urrea is one of the foremost chroniclers of the United States-Mexico border. In such books as “The Devil’s Highway” and his latest novel, “Into the Beautiful North,” he has sympathetically and imaginatively documented the lives of unknown Mexicans crossing into America and the agents charged with stopping them.

You’ve written about the border in both nonfiction and fiction. What does one allow you to do that the other doesn’t?
Nonfiction for me is an amazing process of going deeply into forbidden territory where people can’t go. It’s a sacred duty to represent those

people very carefully. ... With fiction, it’s almost a dance party with spirits. You get these voices from beyond that want their stories told, so it’s more celebratory for me to write fiction.

So much has happened in the immigration debate since this book was released in hardback in 2009. Can you believe it? The border continually shifts in its kaleidoscopic wonderfulness and awfulness. You just never know what’s coming. I tell people the paradigm shifts every couple of months. You could write border books forever, because it’s never the same.

There’s a scene when a character rants about South Americans



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Luis Alberto Urrea
AUTHOR, ‘INTO THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH’


“The border continually shifts in its kaleidoscopic wonderfulness and awfulness.”

coming into Mexico illegally. Can you tell me about that country’s attitude toward immigration?
First of all, the Mexicans are insanely harsh on illegal immigrants. ... Secondly, if you go into Mexico and listen to talk radio, it sounds like Rush or Glenn Beck has come down there and learned Spanish. I actually heard in Guadalajara a guy saying that we need to build a wall on the southern border of this country and militarize it against the Guatemalans.

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Stage

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Over the course of nearly two hours, the three-man cast (Reed Martin, Austin Tichenor and Dominic Conti) stomps all over Hollywood's golden and not-so-golden ages, parodying everything from Charlie Chaplin to "The Day After Tomorrow." It's the throw-everything-to-the-wall-and-see-what-sticks school of theater, and it works occasionally. Since "the history of film" attracts a more general audience than Shakespeare, the troupe has clearly had to tailor the script to be audience-proof: even spectators who have never seen these movies should be able to get the jokes. But that doesn't explain the presence of Bob Dole jokes (and Al



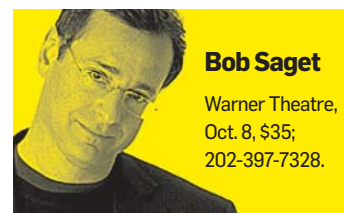
Members of the Reduced Shakespeare Company celebrate their fake Oscars.

Gore "lockbox" jokes!) in a play that was ostensibly written after the year 2000. The actors are all buoyant and bright, holding the play aloft like Midwesterners keeping their stuff dry during midsummer flooding, cherishing it like prisoners afflicted with Stockholm syndrome. On this death march to the punchline, it's nice to see them having fun.

One caveat: Don't sit in the front row if you don't want to be pressed into service for some extended audience participation. **FIONA ZUBLIN**

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Sleigh Bells smash genres with unshakable electro energy

Music

Hipster trends come and go. Some die an ignominious death and provide fodder for mockery when the old photos are dug out. Some hang on — vintage ephemera like the original Nintendo and Super Nintendo have consistently sold on eBay to people trying to recapture those '90s glory years. And walk through any mall or city street and it's obvious that side-swept hairdos are as ubiquitous on both guys and girls as skinny jeans — the fashions are like a "28 Days Later" infection that just won't quit.

An Urban Outfitters wardrobe and encyclopedic knowledge of pop-culture trivia aren't enough to make you a champion of the counterculture, though; you have to exude the necessary attitude and charisma, too. And luckily for Brooklyn duo Sleigh Bells, who have been mightily accepted by those Kerouac-read-

ing urbanites, they've got it all: an interesting image, a refreshing sound and a wealth of new ideas about music are helping the pair make it big.

Signed to artist-turned-rapper-turned-pop-musician M.I.A.'s N.E.E.T. record label and responsible for the May album "Treats," singer Alexis Krauss and songwriter, guitarist and producer Derek E. Miller have been accumulating praise since then: The 33-minute album received an A-minus from Entertainment Weekly, an 8.7 out of 10 from Pitchfork and a flawless five stars from Slant, winning critics over with its brief-but-exuberant jams. And Sleigh Bells' Rock and Roll Hotel appearance on Friday night is already sold out. Not bad for a debut from a group that has been working together for only two years.

But maybe that rawness is part of what makes Sleigh Bells. Before Krauss and Miller met up, Miller was the guitarist for post-hardcore band Poison the Well. A heavy playmaker in the band's metal-meets-melodic sound, Miller helped them craft 1999's "The Opposite of December," 2002's "Tear From the Red"

IT'S DOUBTFUL THAT SLEIGH BELLS WILL GO GENTLE INTO THAT GOOD NIGHT — THEY'RE GOING TO SHAKE YOUR HIPS AND JAM YOUR BRAIN WAVES ALL THE WAY UNTIL THE END.

and 2003's "You Come Before You" before quitting in 2004. Though six years removed from the project, shadows of what Miller did with Poison the Well remain, from the repetitively churning guitars and laser gun-like effects of the duo's first single, "Tell 'Em," to the screeching, hand-clap-heavy "Riot Rhythm," Miller mixes in an edge to Krauss' vocals, creating a welcome jagged assault.

Take "Infinity Guitars": It's all sugar and spice until the last 40 or so seconds, when the guitars take on a nails-on-a-chalkboard quality that adds grit to Krauss' yelled lyrics of strange pairings: "Street wars, straight men/ Cowboys, Indians/ Red souls, red friends/Infinity guitars, go 'head." It doesn't really make much sense, but you don't need logic to dance like a possessed heathen, do you? Kind of not the point.

What is, though, is the idea that Sleigh Bells embodies the future of genre-mashing. For years, we've listened to Girl Talk clump samples of famous songs together (thanks to that little gimmick, your favorite song is his every song); seen unlikely collaborations like those between Eminem and Elton John, and Jay-Z and Coldplay; and, most recently, watched various forgotten musical styles resuscitated by Lady Gaga. One could even argue Sleigh Bells is like a domestic M.I.A., taking cues from various subcultures (grime, fuzzy garage rock and no wave) to match the world music flair of the controversial British artist who gave them a record deal.

Bloc Party and Clap Your Hands Say Yeah suffered with their second albums, but the path for Sleigh Bells is bright. If they recreate the same mania that infuses "Treats," they could follow in the footsteps of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and Vampire Weekend in their ability to tweak yet stay true to their sound. It's doubtful that Sleigh Bells will go gentle into that good night — they're going to shake your hips and jam your brain waves all the way until the end. **ROXANA HADADI**

• **Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; with Nerve City, PO PO, Fri., 8 p.m., sold out; 202-388-7625.**

Punk Fixture's New Identity

Hardcore legend John Stabb lightens up with his latest band, *Sleeper Agent*

Local Heroes

The way John Stabb tells it, the band *Sleeper Agent* began two years ago when he bumped into bassist Sean Koepenick on a voyage of Eddie Money's annual "Two Tickets to Paradise" sea cruise. Stabb — a notable singer himself — said it was there amid all the sh-sh-shakin' that a plan emerged.

"Somewhere between 'Baby Hold On' and 'Take Me Home Tonight,' we knew we had to form a band," said Stabb. Bringing drummer Jonathan Roth and ex-Adam West guitarist Derrick Baranowsky on board, the four-some fused post-punk and pow-

er-pop influences.

Koepenick notes that just because Stabb, *Government Issue*'s famous former frontman, is in the band doesn't mean *Sleeper Agent* exists to relive D.C.'s much-celebrated hardcore salad days.

"We're definitely not an old-school hardcore band," he says. "We try to inject some melody

"Whatever the reaction, I never want an audience to leave without remembering our time together."

into our sound. The punk spirit is more in our attitude when we're playing live."

"I shall always smell like punk spirit!" interjects Stabb, a court



Older but still fearless, the punk-inspired members of *Sleeper Agent* are still playing.

jester onstage and off.

Shifting gears, Stabb suggests the whole ball of wax is about the moment, once more hammering home the notion that chance encounters can be important.

"If people like what we do,

that's cool," he says. "But I'm not out there wrenching my soul for anyone's applause. Whatever the reaction, I never want an audience to leave without remembering our time together."

With a new-wave cover tune or

two in its repertoire, the band knows you have to sometimes grease the wheels. But because of that, *Sleeper Agent* also proves it's not so assured of its own punk prowess that it refuses to play up the influences that made the band possible.

But Stabb's strangely engaging stage prowl and vocal work give the band's brand of chaos its particular, if not peculiar, stamp. Stabb's lyrical obsession with the dark side of humanity — which he says is the one thing that hasn't changed about him over the years — adds to the intrigue and lends a timeless punk-rock quality to the *Sleeper Agent* sound.

JOHNATHAN RICKMAN

● *Fort Reno, Nebraska Avenue & Chesapeake Street NW; with Gangland Buries Its Own, the Black Sparks, Thu., 7 p.m., free; 202-355-6356.*

The Man, the Mask: Nobunny

Whoever he is, Nobunny makes crucial punk-pop

Music

Talking to punk-meets-pop musician Nobunny is not in any way a straightforward thing.

First, there's the fact that the performer, who may actually be a guy named Justin Champlin, won't be identified as anyone but Nobunny. He also refuses to do interviews unless they're through e-mail, and his stream-of-consciousness style of answering questions — part of his image as a hybrid human-jackalope — can't be described as anything but bizarre.

Our fingers got tired from typing [sic], so it's up to the reader to mentally insert them as you go.

"There was a time when I



Despite his e-mail ramblings, the artist called Nobunny puts on a memorable show.

thought it was ok to go to [B]est [B]uy and drink [S]napple," he wrote in response to e-mailed questions about his music and career. "[N]ow I vomit at the thought of [f] humanity and all [its] comfort and success. I want to hug and strangle everything. Esp pretty little girls."

So, maybe they shouldn't show up to his Saturday show at the Black Cat, but anyone else interested in a fusion of bubblegum froth with raging rock should be safe around the musician.

Nobunny has released two albums, "Love Visions" and "Raw

Romance." They're both inspired by classic punk, with brief, rapid songs about topics as varied as graveyards and Chuck Berry that draw shouted sing-alongs from his more dedicated fans.

"[Rock 'n' roll] is in my blood, part of who I am," Nobunny wrote. "How could anyone not 'get' the [R]amones."

A friendly heads-up for anyone seeing Nobunny for the first time: Be aware that he sometimes doesn't wear a shirt or pants (or either) while performing onstage. He'll keep the bunny mask on, though — it's not his body he wants to hide.

"I am just trying to live my life," Nobunny wrote. "Stoned. Alone. With love." ROXANA HADADI

● *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; with the Shirks, Deathrats, Sat., 9 p.m., \$10; 877-725-8849, blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

roadtrip



History Lessons

Head to Baltimore's Reginald F. Lewis Museum for "**Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow**," a look at the intersection of Jewish and black academia in the aftermath of World War II. Many Jewish professors fleeing Nazi Germany found work teaching at historically black colleges in the U.S., fostering a rich exchange of ideas and culture during the early civil rights movement. The show runs through Sept. 26; see africanamericanculture.org for times. SHAUNA MILLER (EXPRESS)

Musical Sleight of Hand

For bassist/magician Victor Wooten, making the unlikely happen is natural

Music

When Muhammad Ali spoke the words, "Float like a butterfly; sting like a bee," to describe his unusual fighting style, he was also suggesting there's a certain grace to be learned from the habits of our fellow creatures.

Bass guitar virtuoso and core member of the group Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, Victor Wooten, shares a similar view. He believes that developing a skill to the point that it becomes like animal instinct is necessary for mastering any trade.

"Whatever you're doing, you want to be natural at it," he said. "I don't want to have to be concentrating really hard when I play the bass; I just want to flow."

Having taken this philosophy



Victor Wooten juggles music; running a bass and nature camp for kids; and touring.

to heart, Wooten, 45, has hosted a bass and nature camp every year since 2000. Located an hour west of Nashville, Tenn., the natural environment — it's called Wooten Woods Retreat — helps students to become better in tune with their natural rhythms. It definitely makes you play better," said Wooten.

When he's not at camp, Wooten will be on the road this summer with his quartet, the Victor Wooten Band. This tour will be less theatrical than previous efforts such as his "Soul Circus" tour, which found Wooten performing another childhood passion of his onstage: magic.

Though Wooten wowed audi-

ences on that particular tour with feats such as levitating mid-song and making his bass disappear, his favorite type of magic involves one-

"I don't want to have to be concentrating really hard when I play the bass; I just want to flow."

on-one interactions. "That's where it blows your mind," he said.

For a man who has conquered both crafts, Wooten sees magic and music as having more in common than just a sleight of hand.

"If I go to a magic show," he said, "even if I know how it's done, it's still fascinating. Music is the same way: You'll hear a song or see an artist, and it's just magical."

TOPHER FORHECZ

● 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., 7 p.m., \$25; 877-435-9849. (U St.—Cardozo)



Singer Nick Diamonds glitters as the frontman of indie-rock faves, Islands.

Elusive Islands Spotted

Music

Where have indie-rock band Islands and its lead singer, Nick Diamonds, been? "Vapours" was released in 2009, and fans haven't heard much from the band since its fall tour. Leave it to hipster bible Filter magazine to breathe new life into Islands' career, co-sponsoring a summer tour that brings the band to the Black Cat on Thursday.

On this tour, Islands will play songs from their three albums — "Return to the Sea," "Arm's Way" and "Vapours" — but will also try out some new material.

"It's nice to play new material that has no context," said Diamonds. "It is nice to see what the audience reaction is to it, just to have a natural reaction without any preconceived notion of the song. No one's heard it before; you can be anything to anybody."

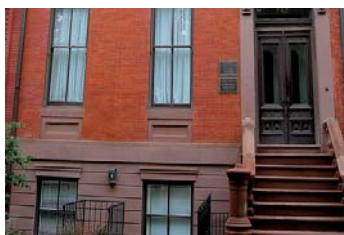
Whether there will be more Islands on record is another story. While there aren't any formal plans for another Islands record, Diamonds isn't ready to shut the door on the project.

"I think there might be a little bit of dormancy for maybe a little bit," he said. "It might be time for us to cool off for a second."

SARAH ANNE HUGHES

● Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Thu., 8 p.m., \$15; 877-725-8849, blackcatdc.com. (U St.—Cardozo)

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Spooky Love

Need an excuse to hold on tight to your boo? Take date night to an otherworldly level with **The Most Haunted Houses** walking tour around Lafayette Park's spookiest spots. Tiptoe around the homes of a fallen midshipman and Henry Adams, and check out the District's creepiest residence, the Octagon house. Tours cost \$15 and start at 7:30 p.m. at the Far-ragut West Metro station. **ROSEMARY DORSETT (EXPRESS)**

Art in the Bronze Age



MIND THE GAPS: Carol Brown Goldberg's "Baltimore Marble" series, on view at the Greater Reston Arts Center, is actually cast from bronze. Goldberg says her works "bind the real and nostalgic past, and the wishful and unpredictable future." The sculptures are part of "Gaps," a juried show of works by 23 local artists working in a variety of media.

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COURTESY SONY PICTURES

David Spade and Adam Sandler are awash in nostalgia in "Grown Ups."

1 Toy Story 3

Pixar director John Lasseter creates a deep sense of longing — inevitably giving way to loss and acceptance — that will bring adult viewers to that Disney-approved point of smiling even as they weep.

2 Grown Ups

From each obvious setup to its hoary payoff, this smug, self-congratulatory comedy hews to its formula, which is to have Adam Sandler's alter ego revel in his material success while questioning his own values.

3 Knight and Day

"Knight and Day," starring Cameron Diaz and Tom Cruise, is both straight-faced spy film and sly spy spoof — a difficult balancing act, but director James Mangold gets it exactly right.

4 The Karate Kid

The new "Karate Kid" brings fresh life and perspective to the classic tale of perseverance and cross-generational friendship, thanks to Harald Zwart's sensitive direction and the two exceptionally appealing stars: Jackie Chan and Jaden Smith.

5 The A-Team

This thoroughly unnecessary but nonetheless satisfying adaptation of the cheeseball 1980s TV series has been engineered to exploit baby boomers' nostalgia while it frantically courts the gnat-like attention spans of their grandsons.

Kitschy Queens of the Drive-In

Pull up and honk for 1973's infamous exploitation flick 'Bonnie's Kids'

DVD

The 1973 drive-in classic "Bonnie's Kids" may be the most notorious teensploitation flick ever to play a drive-in, a precursor to conservative message movies like "Kids" and "Thirteen," as well as to "Pulp Fiction." Starring former Playmate Tiffany Bolling and future soap star Robin Mattson, the film addresses rape, incest, misogyny, murder, violence and girls gone wild with surprising style and energy, thanks to the cast's go-for-broke acting and sly direction from Arthur Marks.

If a good bit of its notoriety was based on its lack of availability — in fact, trailers for the movie have appeared on numerous DVDs in



COURTESY MPI MEDIA

Blondes toting guns are just part of the smarter-than-it-should-be fun of the film.

the past — "Bonnie's Kids" loses none of its mystique now that it's out on DVD. As it transforms from a fiery domestic drama into a heist film and finally into a road movie, it turns out to be smarter and craftier than it thinks it is.

Bonnie herself is long dead, but she has left her two daughters — 24-year-old Ellie and teenage Myra — in the care of their step-

father, exaggeratedly malevolent and humorless. He's not the only one leering at their young flesh: Ellie and Myra are the targets of innuendoes and lewd stares from every man in town.

As Ellie and Myra flee their small town for Los Angeles, "Bonnie's Kids" keeps you on your toes with a series of unexpected twists and turns — some are plot devic-



es, others plot holes. Through it all, the actors deliver their lines with a knowing smirk, as if everyone is suspicious of everyone else's motives.

The second half of "Bonnie's Kids" follows Ellie on a complicated, convoluted scheme to steal half a million dollars, which brings two hitmen into the mix, played by Alex Rocco ("The Godfather") and Timothy Brown ("Nashville"). Long rumored to be the inspiration for the John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson characters in "Pulp Fiction," they lack the verbal rapport of Jules and Vincent but are similarly humanized by their banality.

Too bad Dark Sky Films' DVD doesn't address their influence or the film's long legacy, but the lengthy interview with Marks about the film's genesis, marketing and distribution more than compensates. **STEPHEN M. DEUSNER**

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COURTESY IFC FILMS

Ricki Stern and Anne Sundberg peek behind the funny-girl mask of Joan Rivers in their new doc.

Can We Talk?

Like Betty White, Joan Rivers has been around for so long that it's easy to write her off as a Hollywood Square. But even pushing 80 years old, she's still as sharp as her departed peers Lenny Bruce and Richard Pryor. On cooking: "Why should women cook? So your husband can say, 'My wife bakes a great cake' to some hooker?" In "Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work," directors Ricki Stern and Anne Sundberg shine a light into Rivers' dark corners, and show the strong yet vulnerable woman behind that eerily ageless mask.

► **Landmark E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; see landmarktheatres.com for showtimes, \$8-\$10; 202-452-7672.**

Trolling for Fun

If you're going to be bad, why not aim to be the worst — nay, the BEST worst? Back in 1989, an Italian director set out for Utah with nothing but a dream and a script about vegetarian goblins that called for a corn-on-the-cob sex scene. He made "Troll 2," a movie that made no sense and no money but has managed to rise to cult status with its sheer awfulness. Twenty years later, Michael Paul Stephenson revisits the cast of that film in his own documentary, "Best Worst Movie," and shows the effect of the experience on their lives. ► **Landmark E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; Fri. & Sat., midnight, \$10; 202-452-7672.**

Too Sweet

Visions of the Virgin Mary; true love found and lost while waiting out an overdose; sloppy parties; and a bizarre bloated sea creature that's probably a metaphor for something. Hmm, now that you mention it, yes, every Velvet Underground song is sort of based on Federico Fellini's 1960 romp, "La Dolce Vita." Let the Italians show you how proper living is done when the film about the dissolution of the Italian soul in the celebrity age (and the introduction to the world of a shutterbug named Paparazzo) screens as part of the Atlas' (indoor) summer film series. ► **Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE; Sat., 8 p.m., \$6; 202-399-7993.**

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Young, Loud and Snotty

D.C. does great at serious and/or anthemic music (see: Dischord records). D.C. does great at pop (Georgie James). But what we've been missing for far too long is loud, snotty, sweaty punk you can lob a beer at. The Shirks smack you upside the head with a little Radio Birdman, a little Teenegenerate and a lot of heart on Saturday. → **Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Sat., 9 p.m., \$10; 877-725-8849. (U St.-Cardozo)**

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Keymaster, Meet Gatekeeper

Someone's always leaving open that pesky portal to the demon world. Were you raised in a barn? Fortunately, the Ghostbusters can still be counted on in these times of need. Sure hope the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man knows he can't be taller than the Washington Monument when "Ghostbusters" screens on the National Harbor's outdoor screen. → **National Harbor, 150 National Plaza, Fort Washington, Md.; Sun. at sundown, free; 301-203-4189, nationalharbor.com.**



Moving Forward

Eadweard Muybridge didn't need no stinkin' Final Cut. As early as the 1860s, Muybridge was pushing the boundaries of the still image, making groundbreaking studies of animals and humans in action. He then pioneered the Zoopraxiscope, a device that put those photographs in motion. In "Helios: Eadweard Muybridge in a Time of Change," the Corcoran looks back on Muybridge's contributions to film and photography with a retrospective of his work along with a selection of his equipment. → **Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW; through July 18, \$10; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org. (L'Enfant Plaza)**



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WEEKEND

Queen Bees

It's great to see Rupaul getting the fame and respect she deserves, but Lypsinka (usually known as mild-mannered John Epperson) demands her due. This weekend is your last chance to see her in the Studio Theatre's production of James Kirkwood's play "Legends!," a disaster when it toured with warring stars Mary Martin and Carol Channing in the '80s. Sub out divas for drag queens, and a trainwreck becomes high camp. → **Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; through July 11, \$42-\$63; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.**



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→ THURSDAY

- Black Cat:** Islands, Steel Phantoms, Active Child, \$15.
Blues Alley: Chuck Brown, 8 & 11 p.m., \$35.
Bohemian Caverns: Shaun Mykals, 8 & 10 p.m., \$10-\$15.
Crossroads: Passion Reggae Band, 8 p.m., free.
Fort Reno Park: Sleeper Agent, Gangland Buries Its Own, the Black Sparks, 7 p.m., free.
Iota: Bobby Bare Jr., 9 p.m., \$12.
Jaxx: Hed P.E., Kutt Calhoun, Big B, Johnny Richter, Blestenation, Johnny 3 Legs, 7:30 p.m., \$20-\$22.
Rams Head Onstage: Cracker, 8 p.m., \$29.50.
Rock and Roll Hotel: Ramzy and the Newscasters, the Method, 8:30 p.m., \$10.
U Street Music Hall: Worthy, Starks & Nacey, Jubilee Mo, Brian Billion, 10 p.m., free.
Velvet Lounge: Animal Genital, Young and High, Afuche, Animal Tropical, 9 p.m., \$6.
Wolf Trap: Pat McGee Band, Honor by August, 8 p.m., \$25-\$75.

→ FRIDAY

- 9:30 Club:** Victor Wooten, 7 p.m., \$25.
Birchmere: Eric Roberson, Jay Hayden, 7:30 p.m., \$29.50.
Blues Alley: Eric Felten Jazz Orchestra, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.
Iota: Marah, 9 p.m., \$15.
Jammin' Java: The Banjo Man, 10:30 a.m., \$5; Rites of Ash, Along Those Lines, DJ I-Dee, 8 p.m., \$10.
Jaxx: Molotov Solution, Dr. Acula, I Declare War, Monsters, Upon Disfigurement, the Columbian Exchange, Thrown to the Depths, Villiska, Saints of Reckoning, Engulfed in Flames, 5 p.m., \$10-\$12.
Rams Head Live: Running the Guard, Rosabella, Dakota Red, Kalmia, 7 p.m., \$11.
Rams Head Onstage: Ken Navarro, Jeff Kashiwa, 8 p.m., \$29.50.
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Walkaways, Round About, 9 p.m., \$5.
Rock and Roll Hotel: Sleigh Bells, Never City, PO PO, 9 p.m., sold out.
State Theatre: Mambo Sauce, Clipse, Tabi Bonney, 9:30 p.m., \$20-\$25.
Twins Jazz: Eternity Band, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.
U Street Music Hall: Lazaro Casanova, Soviet Panda, Meistro, 10 p.m., \$10, free before 11 p.m.
Velvet Lounge: The Ash Lovelies & Friends, 10 p.m., \$8.
Wolf Trap: Gipsy Kings, 8 p.m., \$25-\$42.

→ SATURDAY

9:30 Club: Delta Spirit, Ezra Furman and the Harpoons, 8 p.m., \$15.
Birchmere: Bill Kirchen & the Hammer of the Honky Tonk Gods, Maryann Price & the Trio Del Rio, 7:30 p.m., \$25.
Black Cat: The Shirks, Nobunny, Death-rats, 9 p.m., \$10.
Blues Alley: Eric Felten Jazz Orchestra, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.
DC9: Kids, 9 p.m., \$6.
Iota: The Unthanks, Colleen and Paul, 9 p.m., \$15.
Jammin' Java: Parade the Day, Boys Will Be Boys, Safety Word Orange, 6 p.m., \$10-\$13; Parade the Day, the Hint, From Coast to Skyline, 9 p.m., \$10-\$13.
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→ MONDAY

Blues Alley: Meredith Seidel, 8 & 10 p.m., \$20.

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Antheneum: “Of Itself: Medium as Message,” the nature of the media is given a voice through these works, through Aug. 1. 201 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0035, nvfaa.org.

Archives of American Art: “Lists: Todos, Illustrated Inventories, Collected Thoughts and Other Artists’ Enumerations,” through Sept. 27. 750 9th St. NW; 202-633-7940, aaa.si.edu.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: “In the Realm of the Buddha: The Tibetan Shrine From the Alice S. Kandell Collection,” a rare look inside the space of worship for Tibetan Buddhists; “Lama, Patron, Artist: The Great Situ Panchen,” paintings, sculptures and manuscripts illustrate the life of the great Tibetan Buddhist scholar, both through July 18. “Perspectives: Hai Bo,” desolation finds a gentle edge in these photographs, through 2011. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

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LAST CHANCE The Art League: "Color Fields," landscape paintings from Ellen Delaney, through July 5. 105 N.

Union St., Alexandria; 703-683-1780, theartleague.org.

LAST CHANCE Art Whino: "Renaissance Redux," graffiti-like portraits from Kelly Castillo, through Mon. 173 Waterfront St., National Harbor; 301-567-8210, artwhino.com.

Carroll Square Gallery: "Travelogue," new works from artists Elsie Hull, Ruth Pettus, Foon Sham and Polly Townsend,

through Aug. 27. 975 F St. NW; 202-624-8643, carrollsquare.com.

LAST CHANCE Civilian Art Projects: "Exquisite Corpse," a group of 28 photographers assemble collections of words or images, through Sat. 1019 7th St. NW; 202-607-3804, civilianartprojects.com.

City Gallery: "Associates Show," new artworks from local artists, through July

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The Joy of Hand-Helds

Lean on D.C. eateries to pack your picnic basket with gourmet goodies for a breezy Fourth of July

Yogi Bear Would Approve

Washington has first-rate fireworks for its July Fourth celebration, so why not have a picnic basket to match? To mark this holiday weekend, local restaurants are dishing up their own version of blanket-on-the-ground eats for Washingtonians who want to turn an annual tradition into a gourmet feast. Here are our picks, and make sure to reserve them unless otherwise noted.

A.M. Wine Shoppe

1 Turn to A.M. Wine Shoppe for an artisanal selection with a local twist. You can fill your wicker basket with roast chicken (half for \$35 or whole for \$45) and side dishes including potato and haricot vert salads; assorted cheeses; baguette or crostini and local fruit. Or order two sandwiches as your entrée (\$30), such as the Admorphese, with fennel seed salami, mortadella, pickled vegetables and aged provolone. A.M. includes a bottle of wine from its extensive selection. • 2122 18th St. NW; 202-506-2248, amwineshoppe.com. (Dupont Circle)

Cork Market & Tasting Room

2 For its first July Fourth celebration, Cork Market & Tasting Room is serving up the works all weekend long. The deluxe chicken basket (at \$40) includes a choice of buttermilk fried or Peruvian grilled chicken, and small dishes such as Mediterranean couscous and sesame cucumber salads, and rustic fruit crostada for dessert. Or, for \$25, select from five sandwich options (including sopressata with roasted peppers, olive tapenade on house-made focaccia) to pair with sides like honey-mint fruit salad and lemon ricotta cookies. Both baskets come with a bottle of wine and require at least 24 hours' advance notice. • 1805 14th St. NW; 202-265-2674; corkdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)



A.M. Wine Shoppe in Dupont Circle can supply your outdoor eating needs, including wine and sandwiches.

Equinox

3 To mark the holiday, chef Todd Gray is putting on his own barbecue at Equinox and is offering a picnic to-go option for those heading down to the fireworks. Select from five dishes (\$9 each) for your summery package: slow-cooked and barbecued Tamworth pork sandwiches; Angus beef burgers; grilled heirloom tomato and mozzarella panini; "red-handed" potato salad and house-made coleslaw. Pickup will be a breeze with Equinox's close proximity to the National Mall. • 818 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-331-8118, equinoxrestaurant.com. (Farragut West)

Asia Nine Bar and Lounge

4 If you are tired of the usual fare, try Asia Nine Bar and Lounge for a new twist on the classics. The July Fourth "Grad-N-Go" menu includes either Thai barbecue chicken and Laos grilled steak as entrees with two sides, such as sticky rice, papaya or house salads and bacon cheese fries. You can either reserve the picnicking box, priced at \$20, in advance or order it on the spot. • 915 E St. NW; 202-629-4355, asianine.com. (Metro Center/Gallery Place-Chinatown)

Butcher's Block

5 For a large selection of picnic fare to choose from, try chef Robert Wiedmaier's Butcher's Block in Alexandria, where custom baskets start at \$25. You can craft your own package from the shop's offerings — will it be prosciutto with fig spread or turkey with red onion marmalade sandwiches, imported cold cuts or house-made country pâté, or duck liver and pistachio terrine? Call the store for assistance in choosing the eats and drinks — such as a bottle of bubbly (Butcher's recommend Maschio Prosecco) — for your gourmet takeaway. • 1600 King St., Alexandria; 703-894-5253, braborestaurant.com. (King Street) DANIELLE O'STEEN

Tired of wading through the crowds at the National Mall? Be creative this year and try taking in a new vista while you enjoy your deluxe picnic basket. Here are some ideas of spots ranging from park and monument hillsides to fields outside schools and churches. Just be sure to get there early to snag a spot at any of these outdoor locations. DANIELLE O'STEEN

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A Hot Opportunity Rises From Ashes

Farragut Square's Equinox rebuilds and improves after a fire

Better Than Ever

After a destructive kitchen fire forced Equinox to close its doors for five months, the downtown restaurant has reopened with renovations to its space and menu.

As unfortunate as the disaster was, says co-owner Ellen Kassoff Gray, it gave her and her husband, Todd, the chance to make some changes they'd wanted to for years.

"When Todd and I opened almost 12 years ago, we were living on a pipe dream, pillow-talking about opening a restaurant together," she said. "We did it on a very shoestring budget. ... Now, we've changed things that we couldn't afford to change when we first opened."

The ceiling and lighting have been replaced, and the private room is now enclosed by frosted glass. Kassoff Gray hopes the changes will give the restaurant a "fresh and bright" look.

The menu has also received a makeover. In addition to long tasting menus and prix fixe dinners, there are now several more options for casual diners. New shareable plates include blue crab spring rolls, blue cheese tots and barbecued shrimp and grits; and pastas can now be ordered by the half-portion. The bar has also introduced two taps for draft beer.

Since reopening, says Kassoff Gray, business has been as good as it ever was. "You worry, as an owner, when you're closed for five months and people who've been coming for five, 10, 11 years have the opportunity to go find other restaurants — and there are so many good new restaurants around here. But as soon as we opened, the reservations just came flooding in."

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Hirshhorn: "Yves Klein: With the Void, Full Powers," cryptic work from the French painter, through Sept. 12. "Chris Chong Chan Fui," through Aug. 1. "ColorForms," abstract art explores the limits of color, through 2011. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

Honfleur Gallery: "Objectified," photography and work from Colleen Heineman, Jeanne Jo, Robert Longyear and Andrea Miller, through July 23. 1241 Good Hope Road SE; 202-580-5972, honfleurgallery.com.

LAST CHANCE Industry Gallery: "If I Told You One Time ...," furniture design from Chris Rucker, through July 3. 1358 Florida Ave. NE; 202-399-1730, industrygallerydc.com.

Irvine Contemporary: "Picture Planes:

Robert Mellor and Alexa Meade," paintings, photographs and installations by Robert Mellor and Alexa Meade. "Gaia, the Urban Romantic," new works and on-site installations, both through July 24. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

The Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery: "Through Their Eyes: Haitian Artists' Visions of Home," National Geographic photographer Maggie Steber and more than 30 Haitian artists offer a window into how Haitians experience their post-earthquake world, through Aug. 7. 1632 U St. NW; 202-483-8600, smithfarm.com.

Mexican Cultural Institute: "Rethinking Tradition: Contemporary Design," contemporary Mexican artists play with traditional craft and art forms, through Oct. 16. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628.

National Academy of Sciences: "Love, Loss and Laughter: Seeing Alzheimer's Differently," through Aug. 20. 500 5th St. NW; nas.edu.

National Air and Space Museum: The largest collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft in the world, ongoing. 6th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu.

National Building Museum: "Lego Architecture: Towering Ambition," architect and very patient fellow Adam Reed Tucker designed and built 15 miniature buildings using Legos, through Sept. 5. "U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2011 Finalists: A Special Presentation," through July 25; "Drawing Toward Home: Designs for Domestic Architecture From Historic New England," through Aug. 15; "House of Cars: Innovation and the Parking Garage," through July 11. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

LAST CHANCE National Gallery of Art, East Building: "In the Tower: Mark Rothko," through 2011; "Alexander Calder"; **National Gallery of Art, West Building:** "Hendrick Avercamp: the Little Ice Age," through July 5; "Ex-Libris: Chester Dale," through July 18. "Beat Memories: the Photographs of Allen Ginsberg," through Sept. 6. "German Master Drawings from the Wolfgang Ratjen Collection 1580-1900," through Nov. 28; "From Impressionism to Modernism: the Chester Dale Collection," through 2011. Permanent exhibit, European and American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts from the 13th through the 19th centuries. 6th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, nga.gov.

National Geographic: "Sacred Waters: Photography by John Stanmeyer," images studying how various cultures relate to water, through July 25; "Design for the Other 90%," through Sept. 6; "Da Vinci, the Genius," is a comprehensive traveling exhibition detailing the life and work of Leonardo da Vinci, through Sept. 12. "Rare: Portraits of America's Endangered Species," Joel Sartore captures more than 40 exotic and at-risk animals, through Oct. 11. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7000, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

National Museum of African Art: "Artful Animals," a family-friendly exhibition looks at Africa and its animals, through July 25. "Transitions: Paul Emmanuel," the South African artist documents male rites of passage, through Aug. 22. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, africa.si.edu.

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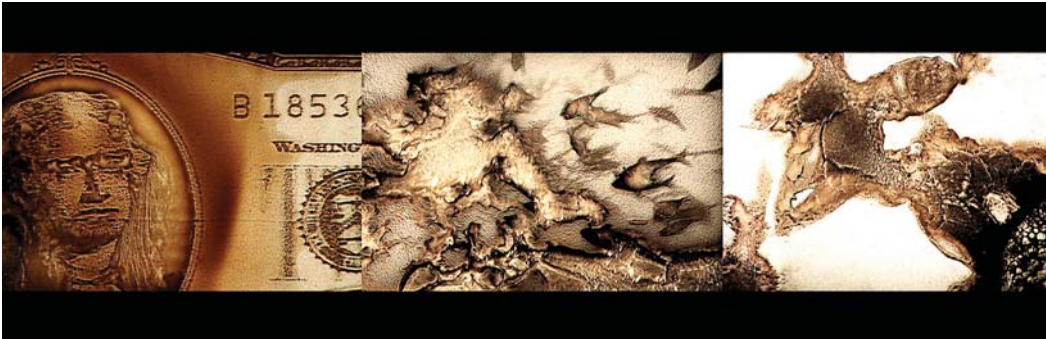
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National Museum of American History:

"Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing: How the Apollo Theater Shaped American Entertainment," through Aug. 29. Ongoing exhibitions include "The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem"; "Abraham Lincoln: An Extraordinary Life"; "Lighting a Revolution"; "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America"; "Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian"; and

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WATER THERAPY: Filmmaker Phil Solomon's installation, "American Falls," envelops viewers with digital projections of Niagara Falls and found footage. The work was commissioned especially for the Corcoran Gallery of Art's rotunda.

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National Museum of the American

Indian: "Brian Jungen: Strange Comfort," through Aug. 8; "Up Where We Belong: Native Musicians in Popular Culture," contributions of American Indians to contemporary music, through Jan. 2. Displays about the history and culture of American Indians, permanent collection; 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nmai.si.edu.

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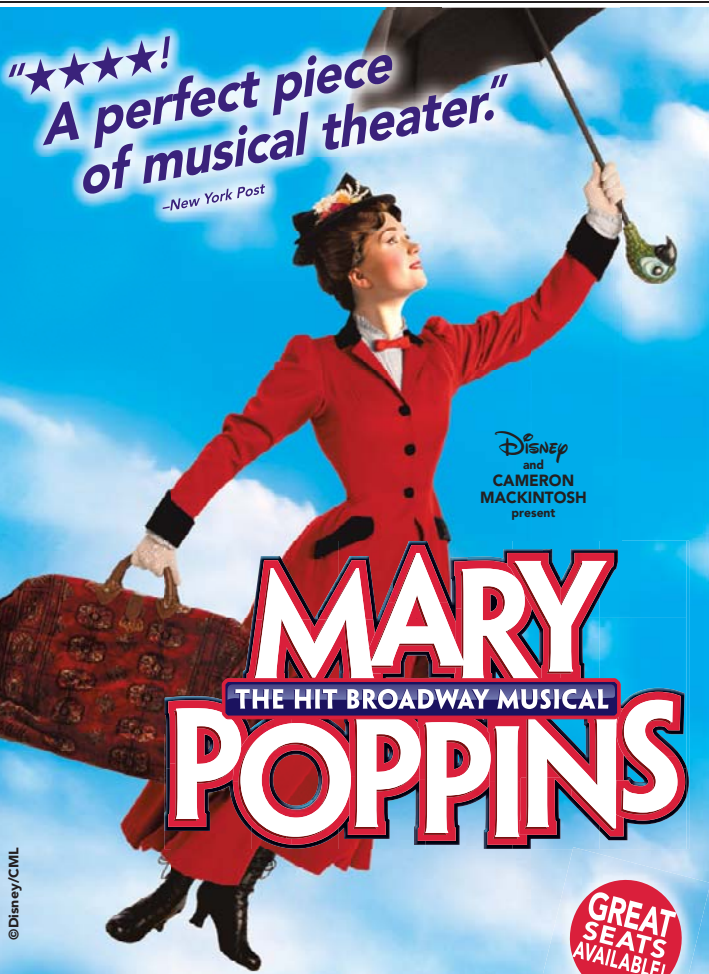
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sic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake," through Feb. 2011, other permanent exhibitions. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, mn.

si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Pomp and Power: Antoinette Bouzonnet Stella's Entrance of the Emperor Sigismund Into Mantua," through Aug. 22. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

LAST CHANCE National Portrait Gallery: "Portraiture Now: Communities," members of small towns and families come alive, through Mon. "One Life: Echoes of Elvis," portraits and exhibits of the King, through Aug. 29. "Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition," through Sept. 6. "From FDR to Obama: Presidents on Time," through Sept. 26. Other permanent exhibitions. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

Newsroom: "Inside Tim Russert's Office: If It's Sunday, It's 'Meet the Press,'" through Dec. 31. "First Dogs: Presidential Pets in the White House"; "Athlete: the Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter Ioss," through 2011; "Elvis! His Groundbreaking, Hip-Shaking, News-making Story," through 2011. Ongoing permanent exhibitions illustrating the role of a free press in a free society.

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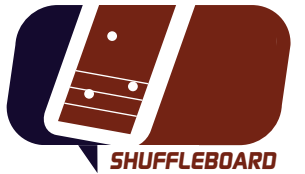
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Smithsonian American Art Museum: “Christo and Jeanne-Claude: Remem-

bering the Running Fence,” through Sept. 26. Permanent collection, ongoing. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu.

Strathmore Fine Art: “Fine Artists in Residence”; “Common Bond,” through July 10. 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda; 301-581-5200, strathmore.org.

Studio Gallery: “Summer Steel,” steel sculptures by Nancy Frankel; “Explorations,” new member show, both through July 17. 2108 R St. NW; 202-232-8734, studiogallerydc.com.

Susan Calloway Fine Arts: “Mix,” monotypes, paintings and collages from Natasha Karpinskaia, through July 24. 1643 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-965-4601, callowayart.com.

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SATURDAY ONLY Splinters: In Emily Swend's play, a family struggles when their daughter goes missing in this Source Festival entry, 1 p.m., \$18. Source, 1835 14th St. NW; 202-204-7800, sourcedc.org.

LAST CHANCE There Are Little Kingdoms: Over the course of one day, the lives of 27 people are enacted by only seven actors, through Wed., \$30-\$35. Church Street Theater, 1742 Church St. NW; 703-892-0202, keegan theatre.com.

SATURDAY ONLY This Is Not a Time Bomb: Prep-school boys get real in this Source Festival entry, 8 p.m., \$18. Source, 1835 14th St. NW; 202-204-7800, sourcedc.org.

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The Crying Game

Boo-hoo, hoo. Hoo. Hoo. Chris Brown cried on BET's salute to Michael Jackson. He wept more than a minute. He could barely sing the words to "Man in the Mirror." He fell to his knees, he wiped his presumably snotty nose with his forearm. He was in such bad shape he didn't even notice that the



By Marc Silver

hook at his waistband had come undone.

Brown joins a long list of crying celebs. Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart set his lower lip a-quiverin' over his infidelity. Glenn Beck cries sometimes be-

cause that's just the kind of sensitive conservative political TV host he is. And remember how Ellen cried about a dog? And how Britney Spears cried about something real sad?

I do not want to accuse any of these weepers of staging their tears for the camera. But take a lesson from Hattie McDaniel. When she became the first African American to win an Oscar in 1940, she dabbed her eyes with a handkerchief. Trying to hold tears in seems real. The endless tears of Chris Brown look like an act for the cameras, maybe so people will stop thinking of him as the guy who beat up Rihanna and start thinking of him as the guy who fake-cried for the Prince of Propofol.



JORDAN STRAUSS/GETTY IMAGES FOR CNN

Larry King, who is known for his plainspoken interview style on "Larry King Live," is calling it quits after 25 years on CNN.

The Search Is On

CNN is scrambling to find a replacement for iconic longtime anchor Larry King

Personalities

CNN is preparing for a summer-time search to find the successor to Larry King, who announced suddenly that he's leaving the show that has been the centerpiece of the news network's lineup for 25 years.

Even though the host is changing, CNN will keep to the idea of a provocative interview show with newsmakers, CNN U.S. President Jon Klein said.

"Nobody else does it," he said. "It's an important tool in the arsenal,

and we want to keep it going."

King's announcement Tuesday came a couple weeks after he celebrated his 25th anniversary with a week of shows interviewing President Obama, LeBron James, Bill Gates and Lady Gaga — precise-

50,000

The number of interviews Larry King estimates he has conducted during his 53-year broadcasting career.

ly the unique blend of stars and statesmen he considered the signature of "Larry King Live."

King said he will continue to do occasional specials for CNN after stepping down in the fall. He was already lobbying for guests for his final week on Tuesday, extracting

a promise to appear from ABC's Diane Sawyer when she called in to his show to congratulate him.

King said he felt no pressure from CNN to leave. He said he began thinking about stepping down as a plane flew him home to Los Angeles from Akron, Ohio, where he interviewed James, and he reflected on his big-name guests of the week.

"I said, 'I can't top this,'" King recalled in an interview Tuesday.

"I'm tired of the nightly grind," he said. "I do want to do other things, but I want to stay at CNN in some way. ... There's a case of great mixed emotions."

King told his staff Tuesday during a conference call he referred to as "one of the saddest 10 minutes of my life." **DAVID BAUDER (AP)**

Casting Call

Who might fill Larry King's shoes?



Katie Couric has been considered a potential successor, but she is said to have expressed no interest in the job.



Jeff Probst, the "Survivor" host, has said he'd love to have Larry King's job, according to the Huffington Post.



Piers Morgan, a judge on "America's Got Talent," might be in negotiations with the network for the position, according to recently published reports.



Joy Behar has guest-hosted "Larry King Live" and currently hosts a show in the same time slot as King's on CNN's sister network, HLN.



Ryan Seacrest may be the current favorite. King said Tuesday he'd pick the "American Idol" host to fill his shoes because Seacrest is "serious, he's interesting, and he's likable." **(EXPRESS)**

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Best Bets

NBC
8:30

100 Questions Charlotte and Wayne compete to see who can have a one-night stand first. Jill and Leslie help Charlotte land a vegan firefighter, while Mike helps Wayne pursue an Israeli model in "Have You Ever Had a One-Night Stand?"

ABC
9:00

Rookie Blue While the other rookies hunt for an escaped convict, Andy and her training officer, Detective Sam Swarek, search for a missing informant whose cover has been blown. Andy can't deny that she is attracted to Sam. Gregory Smith, right, also stars.

CW
9:00

Moonlight Jack the Ripper is undead and has gone high-tech. Prostitutes were the British serial killer's favorite target, and the same is true of the teenage vampire who Mick is hunting. But instead of prowling the streets for his victims, he finds them online.

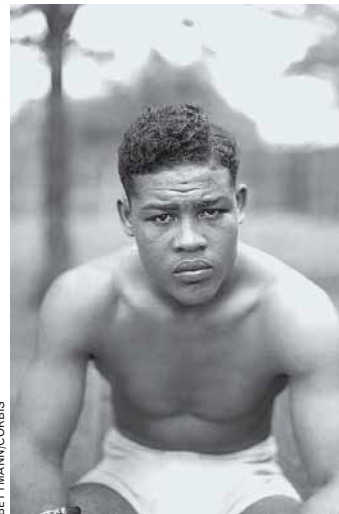
NBC
10:30

Parks and Recreation Megan Mullally guest-stars as Ron's (Nick Offerman, right, who is Mullally's real-life spouse) ex-wife, Tammy, who runs the library. Leslie is distressed to find out Tammy's department is trying to take over her lot. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



Fight of His Life

JOE LOUIS: AMERICA'S
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HBO
6:30

Over the course of the summer, HBO will devote Thursday nights to replays of its acclaimed sports documentaries, beginning with "Joe Louis: America's Hero ... Betrayed." Future installments include "Dare to Dream: The Story of the U.S. Women's Soccer Team" (July 8) and "Rebels With a Cause: The Story of the American Football League" (Aug. 5). Narrated by Liev Schreiber, "Joe Louis" does not hide the heavy-weight-boxing champion's many personal flaws. But it makes a strong case that Louis integrated the world of sport a full decade before Jackie Robinson.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED
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TV Beat

Join the Club

Tuesday was filled with excitement for gleeks. Not only did Oxygen announce it secured syndication rights for "Glee," beginning in 2013, but the NBC-owned women's network also revealed it's creating a reality series in which singers will compete to join the Fox hit. The show starts in June 2011. According to the deal announced by Deadline.com, Fox scrapped plans last week to develop its own series about "Glee" auditions. (EXPRESS)

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ernment. So, this won't [make]
matters better or worse."

COMMENTER MILDLYMISANTHROPIC

"There may be some lip-ser-
vice protests and political postur-
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you've done nothing wrong, you have nothing to worry about if or when the authorities come calling. But if you have ...

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may feel as though an episode from your past is repeating itself, and you didn't enjoy it all that much the first time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In order to re-create what happened yesterday, you're going to have to maintain a clear and unbiased perspective — and get an early start.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your understanding of statistics and other details will serve you well as you assist others with some official business.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're good at tying up loose ends, but you may be delayed a bit as a result of someone else's complete lack of cooperation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can anticipate being ahead of the curve in most things, especially toward the end of the workday. Efficiency is key.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Cooperation may be in short supply, especially when you're first getting started. Fortunately, you're able to move on your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't miss out on the very thing you've been waiting for all this time. Keep your eyes and ears open; heed all warnings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It's a good day for some solitary activities. Time that is spent honing your skills and studying for a coming challenge is most beneficial to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're sure to be surprised by the gravity of a situation you thought was going to be a walk in the park.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A mystery is solved — just as another is revealed to you. You'll be able to provide insight into the way things really are.

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Triple Word Score

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

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| V ₄ | O ₁ | U ₁ | C ₃ | H ₄ | E ₁ | E ₁ | RACK 1 = | 65 |
| W ₄ | A ₁ | L ₁ | K ₅ | U ₁ | P ₃ | | RACK 2 = | 45 |
| R ₁ | E ₁ | M ₃ | A ₁ | T ₁ | C ₃ | H ₄ | RACK 3 = | 67 |
| R ₁ | O ₁ | S ₁ | E ₁ | H ₄ | I ₁ | P ₃ | RACK 4 = | 62 |
| PAR SCORE 185-195 | | | | | | | | TOTAL 239 |

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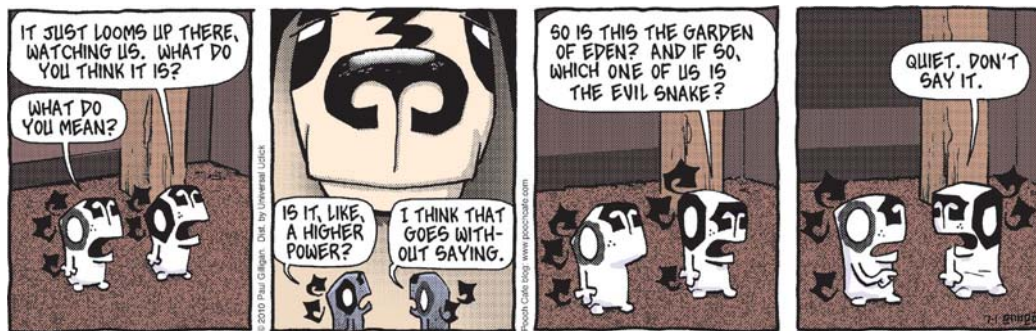
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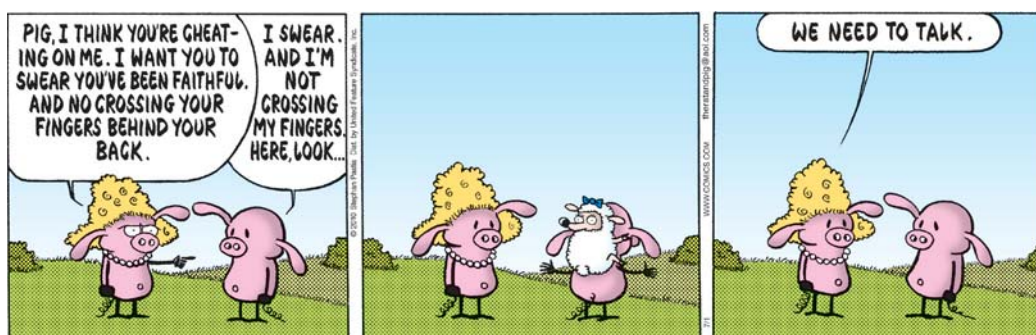
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83 | 63

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87 | 69 93 | 73 94 | 71

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ACROSS

- 1 Ends partner
5 Former embryo
10 Ruin
13 "It's ____ a pleasure"
14 As mad as a wet hen
15 ____ fide (authentic)
16 Soldiers on foot, collectively
18 Charged-up atoms
19 Vein extraction
20 Dilapidated dwelling
22 In an unacceptable way
26 DiFranco of music
27 Rectangular groove
28 "... ____ he drove out of sight ..."
29 She's "sweet as apple cider," in song
30 Bed frame strips
32 Rainbow-shaped
36 Soup can flaw
38 Many crossword puzzles have one
40 Its roe is a delicacy
41 Uncredited actor
43 Follows commands
45 Historical period
46 Space bar neighbor, on some keyboards
48 Writer Waugh
49 1960s TV Tarzan Ron
50 Pool wear
55 With "Beach," a Florida city
56 Tactical tennis shot
57 Scott Turow book about Harvard Law School
58 Like some medicine bottles
64 Moss on the runway
65 Major hub of Japan
66 Actress Hathaway
67 U.S. Airways info
68 Like a lover's nothings
69 Connery or Lennon

DOWN

- 1 ____-Wan Kenobi
2 Animal house
3 Type of chemical sprayed on plants
4 Traffic jam
5 ____ as a fiddle
6 Make a mistake
7 Mai ____ (cocktail)
8 Wombs
9 Elmo's street
10 Demi or Roger
11 One-year record
12 Like some smokers' voices
15 Sharp-tasting ales
17 More than wants
21 Scarlett's home
22 S&P 500, for one
23 John of "Atlas Shrugged"
24 Boise state
25 Pledge drive freebie

- 26 White House intern, e.g.
31 Refine metal
33 Supermodel's asset, often
34 Countesses' counterparts
35 June 1944 event
37 Walk all over
39 Ogling one
42 ____ mater
44 Carve or model
47 Colors slightly
50 Said something
51 Was victorious in
52 "____ man with seven wives"
53 "When pigs fly!"
54 Jones and Ephron
59 '50s campaign button

- name
60 Drain cleaner ingredient
61 Part of e-mail addresses
62 "Little Miss Muffet sat ____"
63 Marshy land

Yesterday's Solution

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| 69 | B | E | R | N | E | A | T | E | A | C | A | S | T | | |
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2000 Vermont's civil unions law — which grants gay couples most of the rights, benefits and responsibilities of marriage — goes into effect.

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THINGS THAT WON'T ACTUALLY HAPPEN

'Bachelorette' to Marry Man Chosen on the Show

"The Bachelorette's" Ali Fedotowsky told *Us Weekly* that she does get engaged at the end of her show and is planning the wedding for early 2011. Fedotowsky can't reveal her man until after the Aug. 2 finale. "She did the show because she was ready to settle down and get married," a source told *Us*. (EXPRESS)



LITERATURE

We Feel Older and Wiser Just Reading This! But Mostly Older

Red carpet mainstay Pat O'Brien is writing an autobiography for release in fall 2011. The former sportscaster and alcoholic told *Usmagazine.com* "not many people know what it's like to be in the middle of a firestorm that is a scandal, and the personal insights and collateral damage offer valuable lessons to everybody." (EXPRESS)



Pat O'Brien will also talk about his difficult journey to literacy late in life.

ACHIEVEMENTS

So, She's Basically a High-Class Shoplifter?

A Los Angeles boutique is suing Lindsay Lohan for paying only \$180 toward a bill of \$17,060.83 racked up between November 2009 and February 2010. TMZ.com reported. She allegedly convinced the owners that her business manager would settle the debt. The store, Church, claims premeditated fraud, saying Lohan "had no intention of causing her business manager to pay the entire balance." (EXPRESS)



She's one forget-to-name-him-in-an-Oscar-speech away from losing him.

UNIONS

A Future Chad Lowe?

Zoe Saldana is engaged to her longtime boyfriend, actor and My Fashion Database CEO Keith Britton. Her spokesman offered no other details. Saldana has become a familiar face in film recently, with starring roles in "Star Trek" and "Avatar." Britton's credits include "Cold Case" and "As the World Turns." (AP)

Victims



Jake Pavelka Still Not Calling Back

Playboy has no plans for a Vienna Girardi cover, a rep told *Usmagazine.com*. Girardi told *Star* that she hoped to make \$250,000 from the alleged photo shoot. "This is the first we've heard of Vienna Girardi appearing on the cover of Playboy," the rep said. "We are not in negotiations with her." (EXPRESS)

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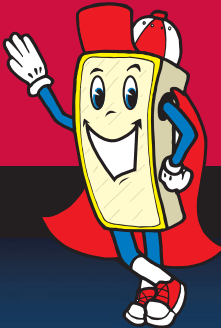
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